

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed June 12, 2007, which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

By means of the present amendment, claims 1-5 have been amended for non-statutory reasons, such as for better form including beginning the dependent claims with 'The' instead of 'A', and deleting reference numerals typically used in European practice that are known to not limit the scope of the claims. Claims 1-5 were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicants respectfully reserve all rights under the Doctrine of Equivalents.

In the Office Action, the Examiner reminded the Applicant of the proper language and format for the Abstract. In response, the current Abstract has been deleted and substituted with the enclosed New Abstract which better conforms to U.S. practice.

In the Office Action, claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,462,465 (Israel). Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as

allegedly unpatentable over Israel in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,045,748 (Ahlgren). Further, claims 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Israel in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0056576 (Marsh). It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-15 are patentable over Israel, Ahlgren and Marsh for at least the following reasons.

Israel shows in FIG 4 a lamp 40 having a shroud 26, also referred to as a cylinder 10, which may be parabolic or cylindrical, as recited on column 3, lines 56-58. The shroud 26 or cylinder 10 is coated with an optical interference coating. As clearly shown in FIG 4, the coated shroud 26 is NOT supported by the base 44. That is, the shroud 26 or cylinder 10 is not an outer envelope supported by the base 44.

Israel also shows in FIG 5 a lamp 42 having an envelope 74 which may be partially coated with the optical interference coating, as recited on column 5, lines 7-9. Further, FIG 5 shows an external semi-cylindrical reflector 70, which is externally to the outer envelope 74. As specifically recited on column 4, lines 63-64, "the reflector [70] is positioned adjacent a lamp 72 and is external to an envelope 74 of the lamp." (Emphasis added)

In stark contrast, the present invention as recited in

independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claims 7 and 12, amongst other patentable elements requires (illustrative emphasis provided) :

an outer envelope ... comprising a  
reflective film fully coating said outer envelope  
...; and  
a cap having one section for supporting the  
outer envelope.

These features are nowhere taught or suggested in Israel.

Ahlgren and Marsh are cited in rejecting dependent claims to allegedly show other features and do not remedy the deficiencies in Israel.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 1, 7 and 12 should be allowable, and allowance thereof is respectfully requested. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-6, 8-11 and 13-15 should also be allowed at least based on their dependence from independent claims 1, 7 and 12.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position,

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should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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